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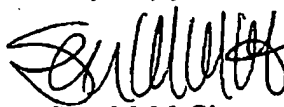
Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and Petition and Fee for Three-Month
Extension of Time
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/496,421
Our Reference: NEC.153

Dear Examiner Lee:

Enclosed is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and Petition and Fee for Three
Month Extension of Time, which we request that you enter and which should place the above-
referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,


Sean M. McGinn

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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/496,421

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Examiner: Eugene Lee

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN IMPROVED LAYOUT PATTERN OF
PAIR TRANSISTORS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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